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	10/807,653	FLEISCHMAN ET AL.			
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Status					
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>24 March 2004</u> .					
2a) ☐ This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.					
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims					
4) □ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) □ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) □ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected. 7) □ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) □ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or					
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) access Applicant may not request that any objection to the of Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction of the original transfer of the correction of the original transfer of the correction o	epted or b) objected to by the Edrawing(s) be held in abeyance. See on is required if the drawing(s) is obj	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). ected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. It is indefinite as to the structural/electrical interconnections required in control interface 106 that receives signals to control the operation of assembly 104 and the structural/electrical interconnections of assembly 104 that includes output interface 108 that enables the dispensing of liquid from container 102 (i.e. Examiner understands the concepts of input and output interfaces but does not understand how these interfaces interact with assembly 104 to result in dispensing) as set for the on page 5, paragraph [0022].

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regard to claim 28, clear and proper antecedent basis for the "sealing lid" (line 1) should be defined.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1,5,6,8-12 and 18-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fernandes' 176 et al.

The Fernandes et al. reference discloses a dispensing system comprising a sleeve15, an opening 29, a pipe 31 with associated threaded nipple ends (unlabeled, see Fig.1) and a valve 32 removable disposed on the threaded nipple end of the pipe 31 (i.e. in as much as Applicant has defined a sealing lid, the removable valve 32 meets Applicant's claimed limitation).

In regard to claims 22-28, the method as claimed would be inherent during normal use and operation of the device.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fernandes et al.

The Fernandes et al. reference discloses a dispensing system (supra), but does not disclose the sleeve as being made of either stainless steel or aluminum. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the sleeve of either stainless steel or aluminum, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. *In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.* 

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#### Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Samuels, Andera et al., and Johnson references pertain to other Dewar-type dispensing systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven O. Douglas whose telephone number is (571) 272-4885. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 6:00-6:30.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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